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Dear Mayor:

On behalf of Governor James E. McGreevey, I am pleased to announce that the Fiscal Year 2005 Transit Village Program is underway. The Governor and I are committed to improving the quality of life in New Jersey by reducing congestion, managing sprawl, and promoting smart growth initiatives. The Transit Village Program is a unique and successful plan which serves these objectives and provides New Jerseyans with real community and lifestyle options.

The Transportation Trust Fund provides \$1 million in Local Aid for those communities that have been selected for inclusion in the Transit Village Program. This is a competitive program where municipalities submit applications for funds available for projects in a community that plans and encourages mixed-use redevelopment near passenger transportation facilities. Transportation initiatives may include bike paths, sidewalks, streetscapes and signage.

The Transportation Trust Fund continues to be a major source of funding for transportation-related projects throughout the state, enabling communities to meet their transportation needs without increasing the burden of local property taxes.

If you are interested in applying for the Transit Village Program please use the current application which is available on-line at the NJDOT Local Aid website <http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/> and through your Local Aid district office. The website lists the district offices and their telephone numbers. Completed applications must be submitted to your Local Aid district office by July 30, 2004.

I look forward to working with your municipality. If you should have any questions regarding this program, please contact your Local Aid district office.

Sincerely,

Jack Lettiere
Commissioner

c Municipal Engineer
 Municipal Clerk